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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
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E.O. 11652 GDS
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SUBJECT: ENERGY: INDONESIAN LNG

1. AT OUTSET OF MAY 23 CALL BY GENERAL IBNU, ACTING
SECRETARY INQUIRED RE STATUS OF PERTAMINA'S CONTRACT WITH
JAPANESE LNG BUYERS. IBNU REPLIED SIMPLY THAT EVERYTHING
HAD WORKED OUT ALL RIGHT RECENTLY WITH JAPANESE.

2. ACTING SECRETARY THEN ASKED HOW PERTAMINA-PACIFIC
LIGHTING NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING. IBNU STATED MERELY THAT
TWO PARTIES HAD NOT YET COME TO AGREEMENT ON PRICE.
ACTING SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT WE WERE NOT INTERVENING
IN NEGOTIATIONS BUT WERE CONCERNED IN GENERAL ABOUT GAS
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AND OTHER ENERGY PRICES.

3. DEPTOFF TALKED NEXT DAY WITH O'ROURKE OF PACIFIC LIGHTING (PL). HE SAID IBNU WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH TODD AND BENSON ON MAY 20 BUT MISSED APPOINTMENT WHEN HE STAYED LONGER IN COMPANY KAISER EXECUTIVES THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. TODD LETTER MENTIONED PARA 3 JAKARTA'S 6176 PASSED IBNU BY COLONEL BENSON, HOWEVER. TODD'S LETTER STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF LNG PRICE IN ULTIMATE CALIFORNIA MARKET, WHERE IT MUST COMPETE WITH GAS FROM OTHER SOURCES (E.G., ARCTIC SLOPE, NEW MEXICO).

4. O'ROURKE ALSO REPORTED HE HAD TALKED MAY 23 WITH TIRTO

UTOMO AND HAD SUGGESTED IDEA OF JOINT PL-PERTAMINA STUDY OF FUTURE FUEL PRICES ON WEST COAST. RESULTS OF SUCH A STUDY WOULD PROVIDE OBJECTIVE BASIS FOR DETERMINING F.O.B. NORTH SUMATRA PRICE, O'ROURKE ARGUED. TIRTO REPORTEDLY WILL DISCUSS IDEA WITH IBNU ON HIS RETURN. RUSH

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